

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No. 24544Y

Preliminary Amendment

**ATTACHMENT A**

In the Specification:

On the first page of the specification, after the title and before the heading of the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph.

-- This is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application 09/806,949 filed April 3, 2001 which is a 371 of PCT/NL00/00523 filed July 24, 2000, and claims priority to The Netherlands application no. 1012918 filed August 26, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety--

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1. (original) Method for the protection of germinating seed coated with a pesticide, characterized in that seed-containing pellets and pesticide-containing pellets are sown as individual pellets at the same time.
2. (original) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets have substantially the same shape and size as the seed-containing pellets.
3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets comprise a dosis of pesticide that is sufficient for one seed germ.
4. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the above claims 1-3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets contain a filler material.
5. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the above claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets and the seed-containing pellets have a substantially uniform diameter from 0.5-5 mm.
6. (original) Pesticide-containing pellet to be used in combination with a seed-containing pellet.